

The Colonial Woodcutter

The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Meeting 7:00 PM April 13, Davidsonville United Methodist Church

April Meeting Speaker
Adam Godet



April 2023

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Newsletter Submissions

If you have new projects, tools or fixtures that may interest to others, or if you have found a wood related news story, please share them with the Guild. Send a description, with pictures if possible, for inclusion in the *Colonial Woodcutter* to the editor, Duncan Adams at duncanladams@gmail.com. Items submitted by the first Thursday of the month will be published.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this months' issue.

April 2023 President's Message

Greetings fellow AWG members,

And then there were two. This is my next to last President's Message. There have been good ones and some not so good ones but all have been sincere.

At our next meeting on 13th we will be voting to approve the new slightly changed Bylaws. The procedure for doing this was indicated in last month's president's message.

We have a "volunteer" to become the new 1st vice president. His name is Jim Cowan. He is no stranger to volunteerism. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays he volunteers at Howard County Gen Hospital in the Wound care center transporting patients to and from their various treatments within the hospital. On Thursdays he volunteers at Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital in their onsite wood shop making adaptive chairs, etc. for the little ones. He is also a volunteer that is an integral member of the AWG Toy Shop. I guess it's a good thing he's retired. In my opinion he is an excellent candidate for this office. We will be voting for Jim's election at the May General Membership meeting. I would expect a unanimous affirmative vote.



We do however, have an as yet unresolved issue. The program committee members have been serving beyond their Bylaws recommended tenure. After six years of service Phil Christenson has indicated his desire to be relieved of this responsibility. We need a volunteer (preferably two) to step up to fill this critical position. See below for more information. Thank you Phil for all your hard work during your tenure especially during the challenging COVID years. Chris Desautels has indicated his willingness to hang with it a while longer but not indefinitely. This really is at least a two person task and most critical to the success of our Guild meetings. Fortunately, Chris's willingness to hang on will greatly help transitioning in a new member of this committee.

Lastly on the 30th I attended the Router class hosted by Rick Hodgden and moderated by Bob Ashby. It was a terrific class – laid back and very informative and thoroughly enjoyable. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Rick has a beautiful home like something out of a magazine and on top of that he is a great cook. Thank you both for a great day.

Ken Davis

Notice to All Guild Members: 2023 Dues

Please remember that Guild dues for 2023 are overdue. You can pay your \$50 dues by check, made out to AWG and mailed to the treasurer Vince Antonioli at the address below. You can also pay via PayPal through the web site.

Vince Antonioli
23408 Neck Road
Aquasco, MD 20608

Program Committee: Volunteer Opportunity

Traditionally, the job of arranging for speakers at our monthly meetings and other program matters was done by the Program Chair. However, in 2019 the Board considered that the job might better be done by a committee of two (or more). Since then, Chris Desautels and Phil Christenson have shown that the committee approach works well. In addition to dividing the work, each member of the Program Committee brings a different perspective and approach to the job of getting speakers for the monthly meetings. Phil, who started as Program Chair in 2017, will drop off the committee in a few months and so the Guild is looking for a Guild member (or two) to volunteer to serve on the Committee. Although serving on the Committee does require effort, it is a great opportunity to serve the Guild by helping to provide interesting and informative speakers.

The Annapolis Woodworkers Guild could not function without the support provided by many volunteers and the Board asks that all members seriously consider this opportunity, as well as other opportunities, to support the activities of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild. If you think you might be interested in serving on the Program Committee, please feel free to reach out to Phil or Chris for more information.

Help Wanted: Newsletter Photographer

The newsletter committee is looking for a member who will volunteer to take pictures during the meetings. The pictures will be used to illustrate the reports in the newsletter. Camera and experience are not required. This is an unpaid position, but you won't have to bother with any annoying perks. Contact the editor for details.

April Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 13th, 2023, 7:00PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Please join us for our April meeting of the Guild. Please consider contributing to the “show-n-tell.” If you have an item you wish to show bring it to any meeting, leave it on the front table. There you will find a sign up clip board. Please write your name and description of the item. When your turn comes describe your project including wood species, finish, special techniques you used and any unusual problem you had to solve.

If you want to show off a project that is too large to bring to the meeting you have the option of showing your work via video. If you want to present a video at the meeting contact Chris Desautels before the meeting date at: Christopher.desautels@gmail.com or 301-332-8490.

April Speaker: Adam Godet

Adam Godet has been making things his whole life but got serious about furniture making in 2009. The hobby turned into a side business early on and that side business grew into a big time commitment. After years of trying to balance full time work at the Defense Department with the woodworking business, Adam slowly transitioned to a part-time government position. In September 2021, he left government to focus on woodworking. For years, the woodworking business was split between commercial jobs (restaurants, stores, etc.), furniture, and home goods (coasters, cutting boards, etc.). The business is now turning to focus on studio furniture exclusively.



April Raffle



Resuming our pre-COVID practice, April raffles will single item with \$5 ticket.

This April's item will be a Ridgid R2401 Laminate Trim Router.

March Meeting

Speaker: Festool Representative Brian Gramm

Brian Gramm presented several of Festool's innovative products. Top right - CT MINI 1 dust collection system; center - cordless track saw; bottom left - Domino tools and accessories.



Show and Tell



Mike Creighton brought this beautiful pond boat. The hull is made of cedar and radio control for the sails allows it to remotely operate on a pond out to about 100 yards.



Candee Van Iderstine brought a pair of walnut hive displays that are used to display honey frames at fairs and markets.



Chris McDonald showed us a bowl turned from an ambrosia curly maple board and two pear wood bowls.



Randy Sisucak carved these two cherry paddles in a class. The top picture is a Greenland stlye kayak paddle and the left is an otter tail canoe paddle.

March Raffle Winners

The winners of the regular monthly raffle items are pictured below along with their prizes.

Randy Sisucak

Adam Schmitt

Mike Creighton



\$50 Rockler Gift Card

Rockler Small Parts Taper Jig

T-Shirt and Howard Butcher Block Conditioner

Bob Ashby's Router Class

During the past month Bob Ashby presented classes in the basic use of hand held routers hosted at Rick Hodgden's shop in Upper Marlboro. The three sessions covered a wide range of topics including basic care of the router and bits, safe operation and set up, correct use of different bit types and the different types of routers and their advantages.



Tip of the Month

ROUTER TABLE MICRO-ADJUSTER

Set up your router table fence quickly and accurately with the turn of this easy-to-build micro-adjuster.

Sometimes, setting up the router in the router table and tweaking the position of the adjustable fence seem to take more time than actually routing the workpiece.

Not to say that you ever want to sacrifice precision and accuracy for speed. After all, with a hurried setup, your workpiece could easily end up in the scrap bin. And that would

mean you'd have even more work to do.

Still, there are all sorts of simple shortcuts you can take that will cut down the hassle and make the router table setup process

a lot quicker. One of the best examples is this easy-to-build device that will help you position your router table fence in record time — without adding to your scrap bin.

Router Fence Micro-Adjuster

Fine-tuning a router fence can be a hassle. It's hard to see how much you're adjusting the fence, and there's no measuring tape like there is on a table saw. Plus, it's easy to "bump" the fence too hard (or not quite hard enough) so that a simple setup takes several test passes before it's right.

To solve this, I made a micro-adjuster that can be

clamped to the edge of the table top behind my router fence, as you can see in the photo here. The adjuster isn't connected to the fence in any way (so you can use it with just about any type of router fence). Instead, the micro-adjuster simply pushes the fence forward (or acts as a stop that you can push the fence against).

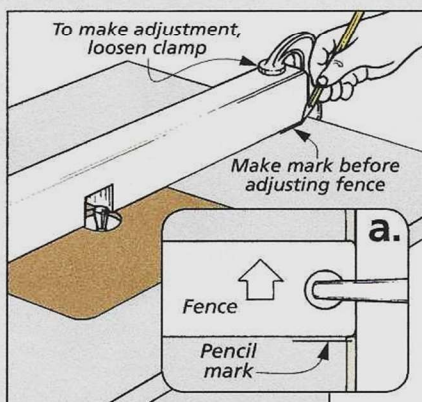
What makes the whole thing work is a hex bolt that runs through a common T-nut in the block, as shown in Fig. 1 below. A wing nut makes the bolt easier to turn, and a spring keeps tension on the bolt and prevents it from vibrating loose.



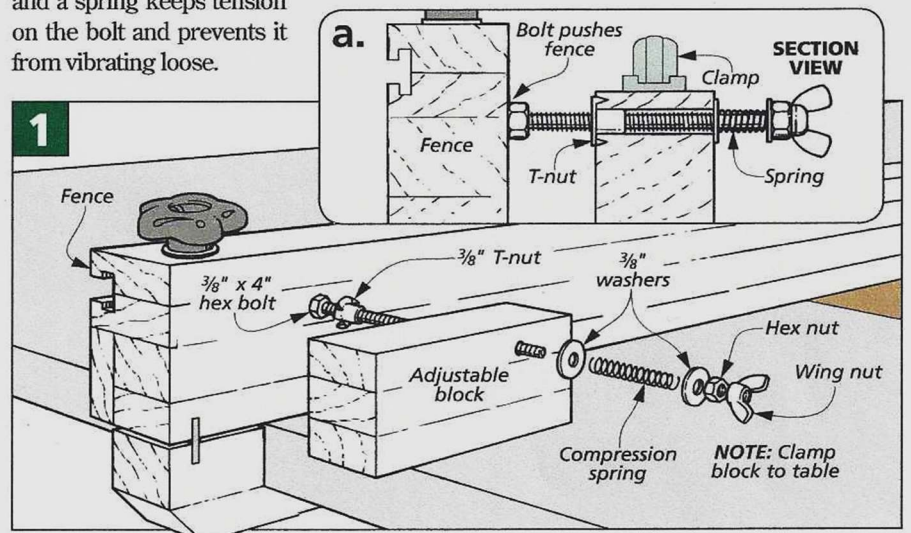
When using the micro-adjuster, roughly position the fence and clamp the adjuster to the table. Then with the opposite end of the fence tightened, you can fine-tune its position

by turning the adjuster. (If you need to back off the bolt, the fence will need to be pushed back against it.) Once the router fence is in the right position, simply clamp it down.

REFERENCE MARK



▲ When fine-tuning the router fence, it's hard to see how much it's actually being moved. So to make the adjustments easy to see, I simply make a reference mark beside the fence.



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AWG Member Mentors

Want to learn a new skill? AWG has many member-mentors to help you. See the list below to contact one.

Have a vexing woodworking problem? There may be many other members with the same situation. AWG has a “problem box” where you can anonymously place your problem or question for discussion and possible solutions at the next meeting. You will find the box at a table near the meeting hall entrance door (when we are back in session at the church). Until then send your problems to the editor, President, or other AWG officer.

Last Name	First Name	Phone	E-mail	Mentor Subject
Ames	Don	410-268-0509	dfames@verizon.net	Use and maintenance of Edge Tools (planes, chisels, scrapers)
Applegate	Patrick	410-426-8287	patrick__applegate@comcast.net	Finishing with Shellac (brushed and padded)
Arndt	Michael	410-960-3239	MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com	General wood finishing & finish restoration/repair
Ashby	Bob	410-969-2910	toolsrus58@comcast.net	Shapers, router tables and tooling for same
Carbin	Bill	410-647-0393	carbinwilliamj@yahoo.com	Box making
Chavez	Harry	410-863-5940	harry.chavez@gmail.com	Intarsia
Dodson	Paul	410-984-8488	pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net	Scroll saws and scrolling
Harvey	Dennis	240-463-4641	denharv@aol.com	Pen making
Hirrlinger	Jack	410-798-1339	tjhirr@verizon.net	Toys, tricks and puzzles
Luck	Jim	410-647-6622	jfl639@verizon.net	Inlay and shaker boxes
McDonald	Chris	410-326-1685	cmcdonald@thewavaz.com	Cabinets

AWG OFFICERS

(June 2022 — May 2023 Term)

President – Ken Davis

1st Vice President – Carl Wick

2nd Vice President – Bill Schneck

Secretary – Jim Menefee

Co-Treasurers – Vince Antonioli and

Rodger Young

Tour Coordinator – Open

Program Chairperson – Chris Desautels and

Phil Christenson

Newsletter Editor – Duncan Adams

Historian - Open

Endowment Coordinator – Bill Carbin

Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson

Show Coordinator– Open

Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin

Special Projects Coordinator – Open

Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler

Librarian—Lloyd Gleason

Charity Coordinator—Andy Borland

Webmaster— Tyler Quevedo

Education Chair—Rick Hodgdon

MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers.

Annual Dues: New Members Joining between Jan and June: \$50; joining between July and Sept \$25; Free between Oct and Jan, but be sure to “re-up” the following year! For cur-rent members 2020 dues roll over into 2021!

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Executive Board Meetings:

4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM

By phone/video until further notice

All are welcome at board meetings

Contact a board member for invitation

CONTACT INFORMATION

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AWG's Supporting Vendors



Exotic Lumber Company

1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409
410-349-1705 WWW.Exoticlumber.com



Rockler Woodworking & Hardware

12975 Fair Lakes Shopping Center Ste 2975
Fairfax, VA 22033

571-435-8030

<https://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/va/fairfax-store>



Somerset Door and Column Company

174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501

800-242-7916 WWW.Doorandcolumn.com



Klingspor

2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603

800-645-5555 WWW.Klingspor.com



American Woodcrafters Supply

212 East Main, Box G, Riceville, IA 50466

800-995-4032 WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com



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67-69 Greylock Avenue
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212-337-8510 WWW.Brusso.com



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10% Online Discount Code: **AWG10**



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